



Georgetown Playfield Spray Park NOTES - Community Meeting #1

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

5:30– 7:30 p.m.

South Seattle Community College

Georgetown Campus, Building C

6747 Corson Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

SUMMARY

1. The meeting was attended by a few members of the community, a couple of local product vendors and Seattle Parks.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Kelly Goold (Seattle Parks) introduced the design team, the meeting structure and also the project history, schedule and budget.
2. Mark Brands (SiteWorkshop) introduced the concept of spray grounds, as well as the types of play features and mechanical systems. He also reviewed the opportunities and constraints for the Georgetown site.
3. The floor was open to discussion: What would you like to see in the spray park? What big ideas or themes are important for the neighborhood. How do we generate interest and participation in this neighborhood?

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

1. Can kids come and pick out toys, like they did for the playground equipment? The process for a spray ground is a little bit different because of the specifics in the mechanical systems and how it all relates to the toys. That said, there should be additional opportunities to provide feedback in the toy selection process.
2. Should attempt to use local artists where possible. It is considered valuable to recognize the neighborhood's industrial character and also some sort of tribute to the existing WPA era wading pool.
3. Would be nice to have it better integrated with the play area so that parents can monitor multiple kids more easily.
4. The railroad is really busy and really close to the play area. This should be buffered and protected as best is possible. Might be a good place for the mechanical systems.
5. Concern was expressed that any promises made to the community (particularly with respect to size / investment) be documented and carried through with.
6. Outreach opportunities include the Georgetown Gazette and potentially a presentation to the community council.
7. Should look into manipulating the grades in an effort to make water flow downhill. It's more fun that way.
8. Potential inspiration can be found from the Art & Garden Walk, Boeing, Hat & Boots, etc.

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Meeting Information will be posted on line after the meeting.
http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/georgetown_playfield/spray_park.htm

Thank you for your insight and participation tonight. It is your ideas that will guide the design and transformation of our new spray park!

